(d) names of the bulk drugs both scheduled and non-scheduled as well as finished medicines the price increase of which come to the notice of his Ministry after 29th February, 1988; and

(e) what was the earlier price, the increased price and percentage increase in each case along with the name of the company and the indication for which each is used?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) As per provisions of DPCO, 1987, prices of some formulations have gone up, whereas some prices have gone down.

(b) and (c) This Ministry is monitoring the prices of both scheduled and non-scheduled medicines by appropriate method.

(d) and (e) The required details in the question are quite voluminous and are not readily available. The time and effort required for collection of these will not be commensurate with the result likely to be achieved.

Price Control of Ethylstrenol

51. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2667 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee as well as his Ministry have received representations for inclusion in the price controlled list of Ethylstrenol, Nandrolone, Phenyl Propionate and Decanoate from Medical Associations, Consumer Associations Members of Parliament and other;

(b) if so, what are the grounds on which each representation was made alongwith the names of Associations and others;

(c) when was each of these representations received and when were each of them considered by Kelkar Committee;

(d) whether his Ministry has received the views of Kelkar Committee on these drugs; and

(e) if so, what are the details theerof and if not, what are the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) Details of representations received from the industry Organisations/Associations and Members of Parliament regarding inclusion in/exclusion from the price controlled categories of drugs are given in the enclosed statements I, II and III respectively. (*See* reply to the Unstarred Question 44 (a) to (d) *vide* col. 68-72 supra). The representations have been forwarded to the Kelkar Committee. The report of the Committee has not been received.

Consideration of Drugs by Kelkar Committee

52. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Untsarred Question 2667 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st March, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the total number of drugs being marketed in the country;

(b) what is the total number of drugs covered in the latest WHO list of essential drugs;

(c) what are the basis on which 166 drugs were drawn for consideration by Kelkar Committee;

(d) whether it is a fact that the list of 166 drugs was not drawn by Kelkar Committee and the same was circulated to the members by the Chairman;

(e) if so, who prepared this list of 166 drugs;

(f) whether it is also a fact that a number of monopoly and high sales turnover drugs were kept aside and were neither considered nor placed before the Committee;

(g) if so, what is the number of drugs being marketed in the country and were not considered by the Committee at all; and

(h) what were the reasons for non-inclusion of these drugs in the list for consideration?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a), (g) and (h) The details to be collected are large and quite voluminous. The time and efforts required for collection of these details will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(b) The number of drugs covered in the latest WHO's Model list of drugs is 253.

(c) to (e) According to the Report of the Committee, the list of 166 drugs which it recommended was unanimous and approved by all members.

(f) Government is not aware of any such consideration adopted by the Committee.

Production of Vitamin B1, B6 and B12

53. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 372 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of consumer associations and public men have submitted representations both to his Ministry and Kelkar Committee for inclusion of Vitamin B1, B6 and B12 under price control;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken on each;

(c) what are the names of producers of each of these three drugs;

(d) whether his Ministry is monitoring the production of these drugs;

(e) if so, what was the production of each drug during the last three *years, year-wise;*

(f) whether the producers of these drugs have increased the prices; and

(g) if so, what was the earlier price, present price and percentage increase along with current CIF price of each?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) The required details to the extent of information available are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below).

(f) and (g) The required details to the extent of information available are given below:

	Unit	Earlier Price (Rs.)	Present Price (Rs.)	% Increase	CIF '86-87 (Rs.)
Vit. B1 HCl	Kg.	950.00	1132 00	19	438 13
Vit. B6	Kg.	1200 00	1571 00	31	397 78
Vit. B12 (Cyno)	gm.	156 00	220 00	41	66 15
Vit. B12 (Hydroxy) . . .	gm.	221 00	350 00	58	..